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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3/2/59

WEATHER Mild weather prevailed during the week, with only very light scattered precipitation. Several days were rather windy. There was much sunshine, and humidity was rather low.

CROPS Surface moisture conditions were improved in local areas throughout the State as snow cover, accumulated during recent weeks, melted with the higher temperatures experienced last week. Runoff was somewhat excessive because the ground was frozen. However, pastures and cropland absorbed some of the moisture supply.

Winter wheat began to green up in some of the southern counties, especially in the low spots, but the bulk of the wheat crop remained in dormancy. Some wheat which failed to germinate last fall and or in the early winter months showed signs of sprouting. It is still too early to evaluate the extent of winter loss of fall seeded grains, legumes and grasses.

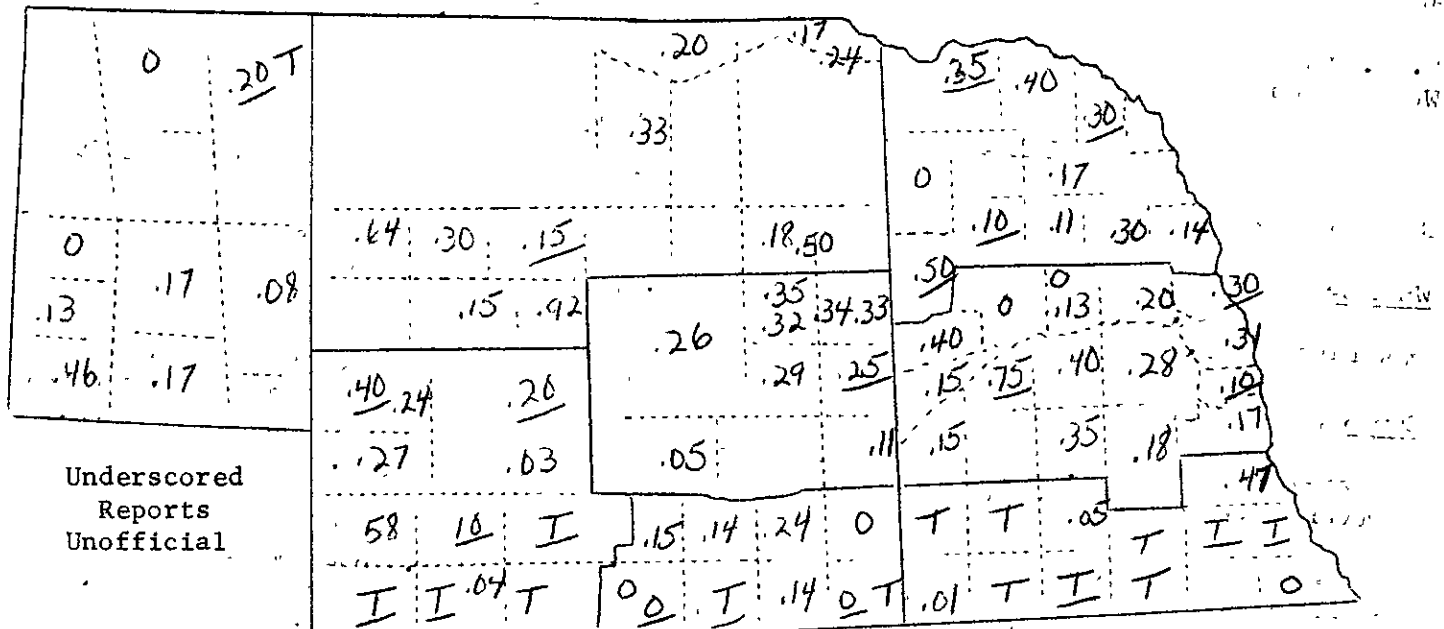
Light snows and some rain in the central and northeast sections brought a little relief to this critically dry section of the State. However, more moisture is needed before spring field work gets underway. Field activity was on a small scale but a few farmers were spreading fertilizer. Many were getting ready for spring work, sending in soil and seed samples to be tested, ordering trees, and repairing equipment and machinery.

LIVESTOCK The week was favorable for livestock. Some feed lots were getting muddy, but cattle were still putting on good gains. Reports of farrowing difficulties and disappointing litter sizes are becoming more common, but generally the new crop of calves, pigs and lambs have been making good progress. Warmer weather last week was most welcome for the new arrivals.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.03	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.01			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	.08				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 1959



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		February								March					
		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		1st		2nd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	44	21	42	21	45	32	45	26	43	29	47	26	64	29
	Scottsbluff	41	22	44	23	46	27	50	24	43	29	47	28	60	30
	Sidney	44	27	40	23	40	28	47	26	41	24	44	27	58	29
NC	Burwell	38	7	46	18	46	23	50	27	45	27	43	--	--	--
	Valentine	38	4	42	14	43	21	46	27	43	28	43	25	64	32
NE	Norfolk	38	14	43	22	48	26	51	30	49	27	45	21	63	35
	Sioux City	33	11	36	20	43	24	46	34	45	27	41	24	41	34
Cen	Grand Island	40	20	48	27	52	27	56	29	51	25	46	22	64	37
EC	Lincoln	42	26	48	31	46	25	56	35	52	31	47	26	59	42
	Omaha	35	19	41	26	47	29	52	33	49	27	45	23	55	38
SW	Imperial	43	18	43	23	46	25	50	28	46	28	45	25	62	34
	North Platte	43	14	46	21	48	23	52	27	48	24	46	21	65	31

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